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The Road up Hardwick's Creek.

The Hardwick's Creek road is used more today than any two other roads in the county. This road is used to haul carload after carload of material to the oil fields besides the regular traffic. The oil people who use this road are very anxious for its improvement and many of them have made some very generous offers to get the road improved. It is quite probable that the citizens and the oil people will get together before another winter and put this road in fine condition. They, of course, know better than to ask the Fiscal Court for any aid, as the county has never seemed inclined to do much for this portion of the county since it was made a part of it in 1890. Thousands of dollars are collected in tax from year to year, but when it comes to making appropriations for road improvements, the Hardwick's Creek section is forgotten.

The sooner the people of some portions of the county learn that they must maintain their own roads and then somebody else's—well we won't say roads—for none of them are kept up, though Powell county taxpayers paid last year for roads and bridges alone sixty cents on each one hundred dollars of property they reported to the Assessor, and every day we hear numbers of them lamenting the unfavorable situation and earnestly asking, "What does go with the money?"

But that's no what we started to say. The Hardwick's creek road is one that must be improved. The better it is made, the more of the oil business Clay City will get. We cannot afford to lay down and wait for the county to do its duty, for that is just what they want us to do. They want us to lie down; then keep us down. We must be up and a-doing something to get this most important feeder to Clay City improved. And if there is a substantial inclination to do this by private subscription, as it will have to be done, The Times is ready to help. This paper has raised thousands of dollars for bridges, and it can raise so much and more for the roads, if the proposition is started right.

Come in boys from Hardwick's creek and let us talk the matter over.

Here's Hoping He Wins

Judge W. C. Taylor has announced as Democratic candidate for County Judge of Clark county. Judge Taylor is well and most favorably known in Powell, and here's hoping he will win out, for truly will he make an ideal Judge.

Revival Meeting

The Rev. Mr. Maxwell of Nicholasville, is holding a revival meeting at the Methodist church. The attendance is good and the interest is growing.

In the inaugural parade, Monday, at Washington, President Wilson will be conveyed by carriage drawn by four horses. Who said horses were giving way to automobiles?

Robt. Conlee for Sheriff.

Mr. Robert Conlee gives us authority to announce that he is a candidate for Sheriff of Powell county, subject to the action of the Democrats in the primary August 4th. In this connection we wish to say for the benefit of our readers that no better man could be selected than Mr. Conlee and no better Democrat can be named than he is. He is a man just suited to the office, being large in stature, strong and determined, yet gentle and mild. He is a successful farmer, capable to take hold of any project and make it go. He is sober, discreet and honest, possessing all the requisites necessary to make a good official. We pass up his name to the Democratic voters and ask them to give him due consideration with the other candidates in the field.

Initiates New Members.

Chas. Eginton Royal Arch Chapter No. 111 had special work in their lodge room Saturday afternoon. The following candidates were initiated: R. A. Harter, Victor Olson, W. B. Lunsford, Otis Powell, of Lombard; G. Hackworth, H. L. Russell, M. V. Absten, Wm. Smothers, of the city; J. A. Boone, H. W. Werner, R. S. Bartlett, of Winchester, and Mr. Buchanan, of the Carlisle lodge, were visiting members.

Representative McGlone in Town

E. B. McGlone, our valued Representative, now rendering very efficient service at the special session of the Legislature, was in town Saturday interviewing his constituency upon the proposed new tax laws. His ideas on this measure as indicated to us is about as near right as any views we have heard expressed. It shows that Mr. McGlone has given the question much study.

Moved Back to Clay City

The general offices of the Day Lumber & Coal Company have been moved from Jackson back to Clay City, where they formerly were located. J. H. O'Rear will be head man in the office, while Gran Hackworth will continue in charge of the store.

We welcome the return of these offices to our city and hope that their business may grow to its former magnitude.

New Oil Company.

The Russell Oil Lands Company, of Louisville, has been incorporated with \$15,000 capital. A. T. Whitt of this city and F. B. Russell of Louisville are the main stockholders. They have very valuable holdings near Standing Rock, Lee county, just across the Powell line.

Catches More Hawks

Joel Mountz brought to this office Monday, alive, the fifth large chicken hawk he has caught with steel-trap. He baits the traps with rabbit and places them upon stumps in the field.

At least one gardener has some peas planted.

"Clay City Booster Club."

J. J. Hazelrigg has conceived the idea that Clay City is in need of a little boosting and is getting signers to what he styles "Clay City Bocster Club." Nearly every business man in town—forty-six in number, have given their consent to help out. He proposes to inject into Clay City a little civic pride first, and a little later take up commercial projects. His object is worthy and his interest commendable and The Times wishes for the young man unbounded success, for truly is this town sadly in need of such organization as Mr. Hazelrigg proposes to perfect. He shall have the unstinted support of The Times in every forward move.

Our Share in General Prosperity

Kentucky's share in the general prosperity of the country is shown by a statement of the conditions of the State banks Jan 27, as compared with report of Aug. 17, which will be issued by State Banking Commissioner, Geo. G. Speer. Deposits increased seventeen and three-quarter millions, the total deposits being \$84,434,552.58. Loans and discounts increased over four and a half million. Overdrafts were reduced seventeen thousand dollars. Total surplus increased two hundred thousand and undivided net profits over a hundred and twenty thousand.

They're After the 'Squire.

The many friends of 'Squire John A. Sewell are urging him to announce for Magistrate again in the Clay City district. The people know 'Squire Sewell has honestly performed his duty and has truly represented his people in the county's fiscal matters. He has stood up for what he and everybody else knows is right; he has done so without waver or falter. He refused to concur in the road contracts at such exorbitant prices, but has held out to fulfill every obligation of the court to the people.

Tempting Weather.

Monday and Tuesday were Spring-like days. Some early gardeners sowed lettuce, set out onions and some few planted potatoes; while the fisherman plied his hook in the tempting waters. But all was spoiled yesterday when it snowed again and turned colder. The groundhog knew his business. That six weeks like two more of being up, then we'll plant our garden.

Sells Lumber.

Carter Reynolds has sold fifty thousand feet of pine and oak lumber in the rough, delivered at Clay City to R. L. Shimmfessel at \$15 per thousand. The pine is sold mill run, while the oak culls are taken out. This lumber will go to the oil fields.

High Prices for Hogs

Hogs sold on the Louisville and Cincinnati markets last week for more than thirteen cents per pound. This is the highest price ever realized for hogs on those markets, so the records say.

Bond Issues Held Invalid.

The Court of Appeals Tuesday rendered a very important decision that affects a great many bonds issued by Fiscal Courts of various counties for a number of years past. The decision holds that bonds issued to pay off floating indebtedness are invalid, and that counties can contract no debt any year in excess of its income.

That's what the Constitution provides, except that it provides further that such indebtedness is void without legal action declaring it so. If the law were strictly applied to Powell county, The Times believes that somebody holding about \$10,000 in warrants would lose this amount. It seems to us that it would be well for this county to call a halt and see just where it stands before many more claims are allowed.

Buy Nursery Stock Now

If you have decided to set out an orchard this spring, do not wait until the last moment to order nursery stock.

The best trees are always sold first. As soon as the weather permits, in the spring, the trees are shipped and the best trees go first. Orders that come later are filled with whatever trees remain, whether good trees or culls—and the culls are likely to predominate late in the season. In many cases the nurseryman has only a limited number of certain varieties, and his supply is soon exhausted. If you order early you are likely to get what you want. Unreliable nurserymen may substitute varieties on late orders and make no mention of it.

And when you order your trees don't forget Hillenmeyer & Sons at Lexington is the best place to buy them. Their nursery is closer to home than any other and their stock, being acclimated to this country, grows better and fruits earlier and their prices are usually much lower, they giving you the agent's commission in the saving on prices.

Poetical Advertising

This office is in receipt of one of the cleverest advertising schemes for some of the candidates for office we ever saw, but we hardly dare to print it without first getting the O. K. of all the candidates concerned. This we hope to do, and exploit the poetical talent of one of Powell's gifted sons. Watch for it later!

Runs Over Embankment.

Dr. C. M. Driver, a former practitioner of this county, while returning from Winchester to his home near Gordonton, lost control of his automobile and it ran over an embankment and bruised up both himself and daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth. The machine was demolished.

Down with Pneumonia.

Frank Kennon is confined in the home of Jeff McKinney on Hardwicks creek with a very severe attack of pneumonia, and his recovery is regarded very doubtful.

STANTON.

(By P. O. Derthick.)

Mrs. George Derickson is very sick, at this writing.

Butler Barnes has moved his family to the farm vacated this week by Mr. and Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. Courtney Combs of Tulsa, Oklahoma, visited her friend and school mate, Mrs. A. T. Stewart, this past week.

Mrs. Kelly Barnes, who has been quite sick, is reported some better. Her husband came from Ohio to see her.

The Music Recital given by Miss Julia Evans' students, last Thursday was very fine, and a good crowd was present.

The girls of the Tennyson Literary Society gave a very fine program last Friday night that was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Bettie Johnson received a large, fine ham from her farmer son in Indiana. It weighed 24 pounds. Surely, that was a gold mine!

Prof. and Mrs. Neal Ransom and family of Clay City, spent two days of last week at the home of the writer, and their visit was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Clark moved this week to their new farm near Shelbyville. We regret to see them go, but wish them well in their new home.

John W. Williams was thrown from his horse Tuesday, striking his shoulder as he fell, and hurting him severely. Mr. Williams will be 80 years of age in a few days. Dr. Johnson reports him as suffering very much.

Larkin Stamper of Winchester was in town Tuesday looking for a home to move to. He has extensive saw-mills in the Mountains, and is leasing oil lands. We hope he will find a place, as he would make us a valuable citizen.

Fred Blackburn received his commission, Tuesday, for the fourth term as member of the State Board of Agriculture. He is the youngest member on the Board and oldest in point of service, and holds the distinction of being the only man to ever hold the office more than three terms.

Mrs. Helen Welch Jackson and son, Linwood, of Louisville, arrived here last Thursday for a visit. Mrs. Lucy Jackson, who has been visiting her son in that city, came with them. She stopped off in Winchester Wednesday night to visit Mrs. Bettie Hardwick. Lee Jackson is now working for the Roy E. Warner Auto Supply Co., of Louisville, holding a very responsible position with them.

Frost May 28th

The old saying has it that it always frosts as late in May as it thunders in February. That being true, we will have frost May 28th, as it thundered Feb. 28th. In fact, it has thundered more, and oftener, this winter than ever before, as observed by the writer.